

## GERMAN SECOND LINE OF DEFENSE SHATTERED ON FOUR MILE FRONT IN NEW BRITISH DRIVE

### DR. SOPHIAN IS GIVEN COMPLETE CHARGE OF HEALTH OF BRIDGEPORT

Rockefeller Institute Expert  
Will Order Closing of The-  
atres to Children Under 16  
—Meets Bridgeport Phy-  
sicians Tonight.

Seek Special Appropriation  
at Once for the Erection of  
Building Suitable for Car-  
rying On the Department  
Work.

With the arrival here, of Dr. Ab-  
raham Sophian, expert on infantile pa-  
ralysis connected with the Rockefeller  
Institute of New York city, the minds  
of the city officials today are occu-  
pied principally with the problem of  
preserving the health of the city.

Dr. Sophian has been instructed to  
proceed with a free hand, in his plans  
to prevent the spread of the infantile  
paralysis epidemic in New York city,  
to Bridgeport. He has met Mayor  
Wilson, and this afternoon at three  
hours he was in conference with the  
heads of several city departments  
whose branches of the city govern-  
ment have been asked to co-operate  
with the health department.

Dr. Sophian's policies, as outlined  
today, will be to spread general infor-  
mation as to sanitary measures, to ef-  
fect a competent organization to see  
that sanitary rules are enforced, and  
to install and maintain a compre-  
hensive system of records in the health  
department.

In connection to these general plans, he  
will advise many means of preven-  
tion of the spread of disease, for the  
immediate present. Not the least rad-  
ical of these is the advocacy of a plan  
to restrict theatre managers from ad-  
mitting children under 16, the chief  
cause of epidemic has passed.

In connection with the visit here  
of Dr. Sophian, it is the plan of the  
health department to ask, at once, a  
special appropriation from the board  
of appropriations, to carry on sanitary  
work. Among the projects of the  
health board is the erection of a build-  
ing suitable as a home for the health  
department, with equipment for lab-  
oratory work, bacteriological research,  
and statistical reports. This will be  
discussed at a meeting of the board  
tonight, while Dr. Sophian is in con-  
ference with the Bridgeport Medical  
society.

No new cases of the disease have  
been found in Bridgeport since yes-  
terday, although one case has been  
reported from Stepany, which will  
receive close attention by the  
health inspectors to see if proper  
measures are being taken to that  
town to prevent communication of the  
disease to the hundreds of children  
known to be resident there and also  
to Bridgeport by indirect trans-  
mission.

The Stepany case is that of Walter  
Pacholuk, aged 12, of Brooklyn, N. Y.,  
who arrived there by automobile  
Monday with other children. His  
present home is understood to be un-  
der quarantine.

It was learned today that David  
William "Rymme," the 3 1/2 years old  
victim of infantile paralysis living at  
148 Main street, is the other child  
the son of David Ryan, better known  
as the "Fighting Blacksmith," of West  
Haven, and Irene Cook of this city.  
The boy's correct name as announced  
by members of the family today is  
David William Rymme. His condition  
as passed upon by experts from  
Bridgeport and New Haven is said to  
be excellent under the conditions and  
full recovery is hoped for. He will  
be quarantined for some weeks.

The first act of Dr. Sophian upon  
arriving in the height of the storm  
yesterday was to call upon the mayor,  
who placed him in charge of the epi-  
demic prevention and offered him the co-  
operation of every city department.  
Later Dr. Sophian met with the board  
of health members and discussed the  
general situation. Dr. Edward A.  
McLellan then turned over the detail  
work of inspection and investigation to  
him. Praise was given Dr. Mc-  
Lellan for the manner in which he  
had shut off entrance into the city  
by boat, rail and road to suspected  
persons from other cities.

A meeting of the board of health is  
planned for tonight when details of  
the coming campaign will be dis-  
cussed. At the meeting of the Bridge-  
port Medical association tonight the  
physicians of Bridgeport will be asked  
to co-operate actively in the preven-  
tion of disease and to appoint an  
advisory diagnostic committee and a  
hospital board to arrange for the  
care of possible cases and their daily  
attention.

At tonight's meeting of the health  
board the disposition of known and  
highly suspicious cases will be con-  
sidered. It may be necessary to de-  
mand isolation of all those cases that  
have not means for careful quarantine  
at the homes. Plans also will be laid  
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### THE WEATHER

Connecticut: partly cloudy tonight  
and Saturday, moderate north winds.

### DEATHS INCREASE IN NEW YORK AS EPIDEMIC GROWS

New Cases Number 162,  
While 31 Deaths Result In  
Last 24 Hours

New York, July 14.—A marked in-  
crease in both the number of new  
cases and deaths in the infantile pa-  
ralysis epidemic during the last  
24 hours was shown today in the re-  
port of the health department. Dur-  
ing the 24-hour period ending at 10  
a. m. today, there were 162 new cases  
and 31 children died from the disease  
in the five boroughs of New York.

#### DEATH IN NEW HAVEN.

New Haven, July 14.—John Murphy,  
aged 16, who was brought here from  
Yaleville, with infantile paralysis,  
died today. His sister, Lucille, aged  
6, is also in the hospital. The child-  
ren went to Yaleville from Brook-  
lyn, N. Y., recently.

Another case under observation at  
the hospital is Mary Whalen, aged 6,  
of Sheffield street, entered yesterday  
as a suspect.

Buffalo, N. Y., July 14.—The first  
death from infantile paralysis oc-  
curred here today. The victim was a  
child from Brooklyn.

#### Courtside Takes No

Orders From Health  
Department, He Says

Jacob A. Courtside, director of pub-  
lic works, said today that he had re-  
ceived no special orders from Mayor  
Wilson or the board of health regard-  
ing cleaning the streets.

"The streets are as clean now as  
ever at this time of the year and I  
think they are cleaner if anything.  
We are sprinkling with oil and water  
as we usually are at this time. I do  
not recognize the board of health as  
having any authority to give me or-  
ders regarding my department. I take  
my orders from Mayor Wilson and the  
common council."

#### Held for Fighting, Says His Victim Is Man Who Held Him Up

Arrested this morning as the result  
of a fight in a bank street restaurant,  
Thomas O'Brien of the Water street  
told the police that Joe Popelous of  
423 Main street, whom he assaulted,  
was one of two men who held him up  
and beat him at Seaside park three  
weeks ago and the fight resulted when  
he recognized Popelous. The arrest  
was made by Policemen John Halpin  
and Edward Dalley. O'Brien is charged  
with assault.

#### CAR UPSETS ON CURVE.

Middletown, Conn., July 14.—Wal-  
ter J. Sweet, of New Haven, is in the  
Middletown hospital with a broken  
shoulder and leg, having been in an  
automobile mishap on the Durham  
road early today. The car tried to  
make the turn from the Durham road  
into the Middletown turnpike. Sweet  
was thrown out.

#### U. S. WILL HELP.

Washington, July 14.—Tragic stor-  
ies of attacks by sharks upon bathers  
along the New Jersey coast were dis-  
cussed at today's meeting of the cabi-  
net. Later Secretary McAdoo an-  
nounced that the coastguard would  
be ordered to do what it could toward  
clearing the coast of the dangerous  
fish and preventing further loss of life.

#### NAVAL RESERVISTS LEAVE.

Chicago, July 14.—Four hundred  
men and officers of the Illinois naval  
reserve, entrained today for Phila-  
delphia. The reservists are sched-  
uled to sail tomorrow with other state  
reservists to join the Atlantic fleet off  
the Maine coast.

#### BACK FROM BUFFALO.

City Clerk J. Alex. H. Robinson who  
has been attending the ceremonial  
session of the Nobles of the Mystic  
Shrine at Buffalo, returned home to-  
day.

### FAIRFIELD BEACH SCENE OF HAVOC IN GREAT STORM

Roofs Blown From Cottages  
and Fleeing Bathers Felled  
By Lightning Shock

TINY BABE IN PERIL  
IN CLOUD OF DEBRIS

Neighbor Takes Infant From  
Faint Mother—One Cot-  
tage Carried 20 Feet

(Special to The Farmer.)

Fairfield, July 14.—Fairfield Beach  
had the liveliest hour it has seen in  
many years yesterday afternoon dur-  
ing the storm. Had it not been for  
the residents' alert, many lives  
would have been lost and the beach  
property would have been destroyed.  
Here are some of the things that  
happened:

Hallstones as big as eggs fell.  
Crescent cottage lifted from  
foundations and carried 20 feet  
by wind.

Every dish and much furniture  
in Frolic cottage blown out win-  
dows.

Ten-year-old daughter of Louis  
Youngs of Mt. Vernon, N. Y.,  
blown out door of cottage into  
clump of bushes many feet away.

Roof and porch of All-Right  
cottage carried away.

Roof of Zephyr cottage blown  
off, carried over telephone wires  
many yards back of cottage and  
blown into creek.

Every window blown out of  
Burley cottage.

One corner of Woonsittie cot-  
tage blown off.

Grandle cottage hit by light-  
ning.

Three fleeing bathers felled  
ground by electric shocks.

Nearly every boat on the beach  
smashed or carried away.

The storm hit Fairfield Beach  
when the tide was dead low, other-  
wise the surf would have carried  
away the cottages that resisted the  
wind. Panic was caused throughout  
the length of the shore and all-year  
residents say they never saw such  
wind, such hailstones, nor such de-  
struction.

The windows of many cottages were  
blown out. The Frolic cottage, oc-  
cupied by the Youngs family was par-  
ticularly hard hit. With the first  
blow all the windows gave way and  
then the swirling wind wrought havoc  
inside. Everything movable flew  
about the rooms until finally forced  
out the windows. Every dish in the  
place was blown out of the cottage  
and pieces of furniture followed.

Brightened to the point of fainting  
as her daughter was carried from the  
cottage into the storm by the wind,  
and trying vainly to keep her two and  
a half months old child from the fly-  
ing debris, Mrs. Young screamed for  
help.

Arthur Bennett, from the  
Driven-From-Home cottage nearby,  
from the stoop of which two heavy  
posts had been carried away, ran to  
her assistance. He couldn't get in  
the door, so he stood outside while  
Mrs. Young tossed the baby to him.  
He carried it to safety in the Driven-  
From-Home.

Beach residents looked on aghast  
as the roof of the Zephyr cottage, born  
aloft by the hurricane, went right over  
the wires and telephone poles on the  
beach road and settled in the creek.  
The family of Dr. William Holman of  
New York, was in the cottage, but es-  
caped injury.

A family named Keefe of Danbury,  
escaped injury in the Crescent cot-  
tage, although it was carried off its  
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### BASEBALL POOL BACKERS HELD FOR GAMBLING

Police Arrest "Connie"  
Lewis and Oliver Murphy  
Under 1915 Statute

Capt. John H. Regan and Policemen  
Joseph P. Coughlin and John F. Mo-  
ran this afternoon arrested Clifford J.  
Lewis, manager of the Park City  
Bowling Alleys at 165 Fairfield ave-  
nue, and Oliver Murphy, his assistant,  
charged with violating Chapter 208,  
Acts of 1915, which relates to gam-  
bling.

Lewis, familiarly known as "Con-  
nie," and Murphy are alleged to have  
been conducting a baseball pool, the  
police obtained much documentary evi-  
dence, which, it is asserted, shows  
that the pool has been conducted as  
far back as June.

The men were released on \$100 bonds  
and will be given a hearing tomorrow  
in the city court.

The police intimate that their action  
today is merely the first of a series of  
arrests, designed to stamp out base-  
ball pools and other petty gambling.

### THOUSAND IN OUTBREAK OF SINN FEINERS

Exercised By Failure of  
Prisoners to Return From  
London, Rebels Wreck Re-  
cruiting Station and Hiss  
Military Officers.

Cork, July 14.—Chagrined by a  
non-arrival of prisoners who  
recently were released after  
undergoing imprisonment since the  
Dublin rebellion and who were ex-  
pected here today, a thousand Sinn  
Feiners wrecked the recruiting office,  
hissed the military pickets and sang  
republican songs.

### MACHINISTS OF ARMS WORKS TO PROTEST SUNDAY

Mass Meeting of Workers  
Called to Discuss Changes  
In Working Hours

A mass meeting of machinists em-  
ployed at the Remington-Union Arms  
Company will be held Sunday morn-  
ing to discuss a change in hours that  
is being put into effect. According to  
complaints made to officials of the  
Machinists' union, a return to the 48  
hour week is being made and one shift  
is being eliminated gradually.

At Machinists' headquarters today,  
it was said that July 10 a notice was  
posted in the plant that the working  
day would be eight hours and 30 min-  
utes. This, it was said, was torn  
down and another was posted later,  
making the time eight hours and a  
half for the day men, and nine hours  
and a half for the night men, with a  
Saturday half holiday.

According to the officers of the Ma-  
chinists' union, the Saturday half hol-  
iday and the 48 hour week aren't  
wanted. The men want the straight  
eight hour day, they say, such as they  
have had. Because of the lateness of  
the season for instituting the half  
holiday, it is feared the changes are  
stepping stones to the old 10 hour a  
day system.

With the changes, it is asserted,  
the night men find themselves getting  
through at 2:06 o'clock in the morning.  
As many of them live in the suburbs,  
they have to stay in the factory until  
suburban car service is resumed. It  
is said they receive time and a half  
for overtime work, provided they are  
requested to do so; otherwise not. The  
p. m. to 7 a. m. shift is being  
dropped.

The meeting of the machinists will  
be held at 10 o'clock Sunday in Hiber-  
nian hall.

### MORE EMPLOYEES OF SCREW CO. STRIKE

Nearly all the employees of the  
Bridgeport Screw Co. are now on  
strike, according to the reports of the  
company. As many of them walked out  
Wednesday. Most workers quit at noon  
yesterday. They want an eight hour  
instead of a nine hour day.

A meeting of the strikers is being  
held this afternoon in Machinists' hall.  
It is expected a committee will be ap-  
pointed to seek an interview with of-  
ficials of the company.

### ONE A DAY, STRIKE PROJECT OF MOLDERS

Strikes will occur in one foundry in  
Bridgeport every day unless the \$3.75  
minimum wage is granted. It was an-  
nounced today by the Molders' union.  
Demands were submitted to the of-  
ficials of the Automatic Machine Co.  
this afternoon, with the information  
that unless a favorable reply is re-  
ceived before quitting time this even-  
ing the men will strike.

There is already a strike at the Au-  
tomatic Machine Co., which is being  
picketed by machinists, who walked  
out two months ago.

No change was recorded in the sit-  
uations at the Coulter & MacKenzie  
Co., and the J. A. Taylor Foundry  
today. The men made no effort to  
have a conference with the officials.

### Horse Unhitched, Stepney Farmer Is Held for Hearing

Morris Blank, a Stepney farmer, was  
arrested on Water street this morning  
by Policeman Patrick Devine for vi-  
olating the city ordinances by leaving  
his horse unhitched. He was released  
on a \$10 bond.

### U-BOAT HERE AS MERCHANT LINER, RULING OF BOARD

Neutrality Confers Submit  
Advisory Report On  
Status of "Sub."

WILL BE ALLOWED  
CLEARANCE PAPERS

Hydroaeroplanes May Act  
As Scout When Under-  
sea Boat Leaves

(Special to The Farmer.)

Washington, July 14.—An advisory  
report on the status of the German  
merchant submarine Deutschland sub-  
mitted to Acting Secretary Polk today  
by the government neutrality board is  
understood to hold that the vessel is a  
peaceful merchant craft and entitled  
to all privileges as such.

Indications now are that the state  
department will make no formal an-  
nouncement concerning the submarine  
but that the treasury department will  
be advised to permit her to clear and  
sail from Baltimore whenever her cap-  
tain desires to start on her return voy-  
age.

#### AERO MAY BE SCOUT.

Baltimore, July 14.—Silence con-  
tinues as to the date of departure of  
the super-submarine Deutschland. The  
tug Timmins, which met her at the  
capes and conveyed her to Baltimore,  
remains fastened at the pier day and  
night. It was learned that a big hy-  
dro-aeroplane, virtually completed, is  
stored on the pier of the Eastern For-  
warding Co. where the Deutschland is  
docked. Persons in touch with op-  
erations of the forwarding company  
intimates that the flying boat will be  
sent to the Capes for scouting pur-  
poses before the submarine makes her  
dash for the Atlantic.

The manner in which the Deutsch-  
land has been cleared of everything  
she brought over, even the pieces of  
pig iron ballast, led to the idea that  
she would return to Germany heavily  
laden. Until the owners of the car-  
go that has been taken from her file  
their papers with the custom house  
no authoritative detailed statement as  
to its composition can be obtained.

Captain Koenig, the submarine's  
commander, ridiculed the report from  
Amsterdam that the principal object  
of the Deutschland's voyage was to  
convey a consignment of diamonds.

At least one member of the subma-  
rine's crew will not return to Germany  
on the vessel. G. Prusse, rated as  
supercargo, made application to the  
local immigration authorities to be  
landed in this country. The applica-  
tion was granted after the usual  
legal formalities.

### J.H. CLARKE, OHIO DISTRICT JUDGE, FOR HUGHES' JOB

President Selects United  
States Justice for Su-  
preme Court

Washington, July 14.—J. H. Clarke,  
United States district judge at Cleve-  
land, was nominated by President Wil-  
son today as an associate justice of  
the supreme court, to succeed Former  
Justice Hughes, the Republican nomi-  
nee for the Presidency.

Judge Clarke has been prominent in  
Democratic politics in northern Ohio  
for several years. For many years he  
was the general counsel of the Nickel  
Plate Railroad. After he had amassed  
a comfortable income he took a lively  
interest in politics and joined forces  
with the late Tom Johnson. He quit  
his corporate practice and advocated 2  
cent fares and other progressive  
measures of the Johnson propaganda.

He also defended Johnson's policy of  
reducing street car fares in Cleveland  
from 5 cents to 3 cents.

Judge Clarke was once the nominee  
of the Democrats for United States  
Senator, his nomination being a  
triumph for Johnson, who advocated  
him. He is very popular in northern  
Ohio and was a delegate to the Bal-  
timore convention and advocated Wood-  
row Wilson's nomination.

### Strikers In Clash With Guards; One Killed, Three Hurt

Niagara Falls, N. Y., July 14.—In a  
clash between guards and strikers at  
the plant of the Carborundum com-  
pany today, one man was killed, an-  
other probably fatally wounded and  
two other men received flesh wounds  
when the guards fired a round of re-  
volver shots.

About 500 men in the employ of the  
company are on strike for higher  
wages.

Let The Farmer follow you on  
your vacation. Sent by mail  
postpaid 12 cents per week.

### After One Day's Artillery Fire Against Enemy Positions, British Infantry is Sent Forward at Dawn Today — Several Strongly Fortified Places Are Taken As Offensive Batters Second Line Trenches—German Resistance is Report- ed to Be Weaker Than on First Line.

British Front in France, July 14.—Beginning the second  
phase of the great Anglo-French offensive in the neighborhood  
of the Somme river, the British infantry was sent forward at  
dawn today.

A terrific attack succeeded in breaking through the Ger-  
man second lines at many points.

Longueval, Bazentin-Le-Grand and the Trones Woods  
were captured in the British drive.

The breaks in the German second line cover a front of 5,000  
yards.

#### Fighting on Four-Mile Front

Heavy fighting continues along the battle front of more  
than four miles.

The German defense appears to be much weaker than on  
the first line.

Rallying after the first onslaught, the Germans are offering  
a stout resistance in Bazentin-Le-Petit Woods and in the woods  
beyond the village of Longueval.

#### British War Office Report

London, July 14.—Several strongly fortified positions were  
taken in the new British drive on the German second lines at  
dawn today, says the official statement issued at noon. The  
statement follows:

"This morning at dawn we attacked the enemy's positions  
on a front of four miles and have captured several strongly de-  
fended localities. Heavy fighting continues."

Reuter's correspondent at the British front telegraphs the  
British forces have captured Bazentin-Le-Petit and most of  
the village of Ovillers.

The British advance reported in to-  
day's official despatches apparently  
constitutes the second phase of the  
great Anglo-French offensive in the  
neighborhood of the Somme river  
which began on July 1 over a front  
of something more than 20 miles. The  
first phase of this offensive carried the  
British forward to and gave them  
possession of Contalmaison and Mon-  
tauban but the French on their right  
moved their lines further forward.

The reported capture of Longueval  
and Bazentin-Le-Grand indicates that  
the British, in today's assault, advanced  
eastward northward from Contal-  
maison or Montauban and that they  
apparently have brought their right  
wing on a par with the French left  
and are thrusting a salient between  
Peronne, the immediate French ob-  
jective and Bapaume, the point at  
which the British movement is re-  
ported to be directed.

Longueval is about three and a half  
miles east of Contalmaison and Ba-  
zentin-Le-Grand is midway between  
those towns.

While it is expected the British  
would not allow any great length of  
time to elapse before continuing their  
operations, it was hardly believed the  
second German line would be attacked  
for it was only on the day before yes-  
terday that they completed capture of  
the first line in the region between  
Hardcourt and Ovillers.

The direction of the attack, too, was  
something of a surprise, for instead of  
pushing on toward Cambrai, General  
Haig chose to attack the flank of the  
Germans who faced Contalmaison and  
Ovillers and those who still occupy  
Poislars.

News of the British success has given  
added weight here to the request  
of the government workmen to forego  
the August holidays so that the army  
may be kept well supplied with mun-  
itions. The supplies already on hand  
must be greater than was generally  
believed, else General Haig would not  
have been able to continue his offen-  
sive without an interruption. There  
was no news this morning of impor-  
tant developments on the remainder  
of the western front but at last ac-  
counts the French were preparing to  
resume their offensive south of the  
Somme, while the Germans were still  
hammering at the defenses of Verdun.

The opinion is held in France, how-  
ever, that continuation of the Somme  
battle will compel the Germans to  
slacken their efforts at Verdun, which  
has been in progress nearly  
five months, especially as the French  
estimate the Germans lost 12,000 men  
in counter-attacks on Contalmaison.

The Russians made no noticeable  
advance on any part of their front  
since they gained the Stokhod river  
where the struggle continues despar-

ately. The right bank apparently  
has now been cleared of Germans but  
it is not known here whether the  
crossings made by the Russians have  
given them a firm footing on the left  
bank. General von Bothmer, having  
received reinforcements, has succeed-  
ed in holding the Russians in Galicia  
but with Delatyn in the hands of the  
Russians, they possess an advantage  
from which further success is ex-  
pected.

The operations in the Caucasus are  
becoming more and more important.  
After suffering heavy losses in their  
counter-offensive the Turks are now  
being pressed back towards Balbrut  
and Erzurum, while in Persia the  
Russians have brought up reinforce-  
ments to meet the Turks who drove  
them from Kermanshah.

### VIOLENT BATTLES ON BOTH SIDES OF RIVER

Berlin, July 14.—New and violent  
battles are being fought on both sides  
of the river Somme this morning,  
says the official statement given out  
today by the German army headquar-  
ters staff.

Early this morning, the state says,  
British troops attacked in the sector  
of Mametz Wood and Longueval and  
made repeated efforts to capture  
Trones Woods. The first British at-  
tacks were beaten back and new bat-  
tles are now in progress.

### No Troops Withdrawn From Verdun Struggle, Is Berlin Statement

Berlin, July 14.—The offensive of  
the entente allies on the western front  
has not caused the withdrawal by the  
Germans of a single man or a single  
gun from the Verdun front where the  
attack on the French fortress is be-  
ing consistently and successfully  
pressed, says a statement issued to-  
day by the Overseas News Agency  
summarizing newspaper comment on  
the western front campaign.

### FRENCH CHECK ADVANCES.

Paris, July 14.—Attacking forces  
made two attempts last night to storm  
positions north of the Aisne at a point  
south of Ville Au Bois, but were  
checked by the French machine gun  
fire, the war office announced today.

On the Verdun front artillery fight-  
ing continues in the Souville sector.  
There were patrol engagements in  
Chenols Wood.

## ITALIANS BLOW UP MOUNTAIN; BURY AUSTRIAN FORCES

Rome, July 14.—The summit of Castelletto in the Tofane re-  
gion has been blown up by the Italians, the entire Austrian  
force there being buried in the wreckage, the war office an-  
nounced today.